

approved May 4, 1874," was taken up in regular order, read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 217, "An act to amend chapter 93 of the acts of 1881, entitled 'an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stockraising and to protect stockraisers,' approved April 22, 1879, and amended April 4, 1881," was taken up and read third time.

Senator Jones offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding "and required, and who shall hold his office until the next general election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Martin,
Chesley,	Harris,	Matlock,
Collins,	Houston,	Patton,
Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Jones,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Fowler,		

NAYS—1.

Davis.

Bill passed.

The President signed substitute House joint resolutions Nos. 12, 19, 21 and 31, amending sections 4 and 6, of article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Senator Traylor moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 287, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to further provide for the supervision and management of the construction of the new State Capitol building, and to make an appropriation therefor,' approved May 5, 1882."

Adopted, and bill taken up and read second time.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Amend by changing sections 2 and 3 to sections 3 and 4, and add section 2, as follows:

SEC. 2. The Governor may, when he deems it necessary, appoint or employ an expert to aid in superintending and supervising the building of the new Capitol, and said expert shall receive, for the time employed, a salary not exceeding two hundred dollars per month.

On motion of Senator Harris, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and bill made special order after morning call to-morrow.

Senator Terrell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up Senate bill No. 341, a bill to be entitled "An act amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Austin,' approved April 5, 1873."

Adopted, and bill taken up,

On motion of Senator Terrell, the reading at length of the bill was dispensed with.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendments:

Strike out "dram shops, groceries and all other," in line 7, page 5.

Adopted.

Strike out all after the word "same," in line 2, page 6, down to and including the word "premises," in line 14.

Adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

Senator Terrell moved to suspend the constitutional rule and place bill on its third reading.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—26.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Collins,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Houston,	Randolph,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Farrar,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Fowler,	Martin,	

NAYS—none.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—26.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Collins,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Houston,	Randolph,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Farrar,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Fowler,	Martin,	

NAYS—none.

Senator Stratton moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 134, an act entitled "Act to authorize Christian Jordan to sue the State of Texas."

Adopted, and

Bill taken up and read second time.

Committee amendments adopted, and

Bill ordered engrossed.

Senator Traylor moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up Senate bill No. 299, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to receive taxes due on real estate from the years 1871 to 1876 inclusive."

Adopted, and

Bill taken up, read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

Senator Gibbs moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 45, entitled "An act to give to each unorganized county in this State a county surveyor."

Adopted, and

Bill taken up with adverse report of committee, and read second time.

(Senator Buchanan in the chair.)

After full discussion of the report of the committee,

Senator Gibbs moved to postpone the further consideration of this bill until to-morrow at the evening session, and that the bill be made the special order for that time.

Senator Johnston of Shelby, moved the previous question on the pending questions.

Motion seconded, and main question ordered.

The motion of Senator Gibbs was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Buchanan,	Fowler,	Randolph,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Stratton,
Collins,	Harris,	Terrell,
Cooper,	Jones,	Traylor,
Farrar,	Martin,	

NAYS—9.

Davis,	Getzendaner,	Johnston of Shelby,
Evans,	Houston,	Matlock,
Fleming,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,

On motion of Senator Harris, the Senate adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

## FIFTY-NINTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 23, 1883. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Chesley, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with, and the same adopted.

Senator Kleberg presented a memorial of ex-Governor F. S. Stockdale, member of the local council of the American Bar Association, requesting legislation on the subjects of divorce and acknowledgments, in behalf of said association.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Matlock, chairman of Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 339, entitled "An act supplementary of and amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to provide for the sale of the alternate sections of land in organized and unorganized counties, belonging to the common school fund,'" have carefully examined the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATLOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 241, entitled "An act to permit land certificates, or unlocated balance of the same, issued to organized counties for public school purposes to be located within the territory reserved from location by act of July 14, 1879, as amended by act of March 11, 1881," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATLOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 342, entitled "An act providing for and adjusting and settling outstanding land certificates," have carefully examined the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATLOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Traylor, chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 22, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was this day recommitted Senate bill No. 338, being "A bill for the relief of the heirs of Eli Kirk, deceased," have carefully reconsidered the same, and now beg leave to make the following report:

Upon a reconsideration of said bill your committee reverse the recommendation heretofore made that said bill do pass, and now recommend that it do not pass.

From additional evidence produced before the committee since the former recommendation was made, they are satisfied that the State should not, in any event, pay anything further on this claim.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TRAYLOR, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Kleberg introduced a bill entitled "An act to prevent fraudulent divorces."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Also, a bill entitled "An act to regulate the acknowledgments of instruments affecting real estate."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Matlock offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the chairman of Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to report back to the Senate, for its action, the general appropriation bill passed by the House.

Resolution read and adopted.

Senator Martin, chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 259, being "An act to amend article 4767 of the Revised Civil Statutes," etc.; also, Senate bill No. 309, "An act to amend section 1 of 'an act requiring the proceeds arising from the leasing or renting of county school lands, and from sales of timber thereon, to be invested,'" etc.; also, Senate joint resolution No. 17, "Joint resolution amending article 5 of the Constitution," and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

Senator Traylor moved that the special order for this morning, Senate bill No. 289, entitled "An act to further provide for the supervision and management of the construction of the new State Capitol building, and to make an appropriation therefor, approved May 5, 1882," be postponed and made the special order for to-morrow after the morning call, Saturday, March 24, 1883.

Adopted.

Senator Gooch moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 304, entitled "An act authorizing incorporated cities and towns, without regard to the number of the inhabitants thereof, to accept property bequeathed or donated to them, or to any class of their inhabitants, for charitable or other purposes, and to manage the same for the benefit of the class for whose use it may be intended."

Adopted, and bill taken up and read second time.

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment:

SEC. 4. The near approach of the end of the session, and the fact that this bill may not be reached if delayed for the regular order, creates an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring this bill to be read on three several days be suspended; and it is suspended

Adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

Senator Gooch moved that the rules be suspended and bill be placed on its third reading.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Chesley,	Getzendaner,	Kleberg,
Collins,	Gibbs,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Harris,	Shannon,
Evans,	Houston,	Stratton,
Farrar,	Johnston of Collin,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Jones,	Traylor.

NAYS—none.

Bill read third time, and passed.

Senator Gibbs moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 44, to be entitled "An act to provide for leasing the unorganized county school leagues."

Adopted, and bill taken up.

The motion of Senator Shannon to reconsider the engrossment of the pending bill on yesterday, was then considered.

The Senate refused to reconsider the engrossment by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Collins,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Patton,
Davis,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Gibbs,	Kleberg,	Shannon.

NAYS—14.

Buchanan,	Fowler,	Randolph,
Chesley,	Getzendaner,	Stratton,
Evans,	Harris,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Houston,	Traylor.
Fleming,	Martin,	

Rules suspended to put the bills on its third reading by the following vote:

## YEAS—27.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Martin.
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Matlock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Patton,
Cooper,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Traylor.

## NAYS—none.

Bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Patton, House bill No. 512, "An act defining the boundaries of the corporation of the city of Gonzales, for municipal purposes," was taken up out of its regular order, read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Patton, rules were suspended to place bill on its third reading, by the following vote:

## YEAS—24.

Buchanan,	Fowler,	Martin,
Chesley,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Patton,
Cooper,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston,	Pope,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Traylor.

## NAYS—none.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

## YEAS—25.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Martin,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Collins,	Harris,	Patton,
Cooper,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Pope,
Evans,	Johnson of Shelby,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Jones,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Traylor.
Fowler,		

## NAYS—none.

(Senator Johnston in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Collins, Senate bill No. 92, "An act to require the collection and payment of all taxes levied by the several counties of this State to be made in money," was taken up out of its regular order and read second time, with substitute of committee, and substitute adopted.

Senator Traylor moved to amend by striking out the word "taxes" where it first occurs in line 2.

Adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Collins, the rules were suspended to put the bill on its third reading by the following vote:

## YEAS—23.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Martin,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Matlock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Patton,
Davis,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston,	Pope,
Farrar,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Johnston of Shelby,	Traylor.
Fowler,	Jones,	

## NAYS—none.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## YEAS—25.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Martin,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Collins,	Harris,	Patton,
Davis,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Pope,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Jones,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,		

## NAYS—none.

On motion of Senator Houston, Senate bill No. 310, "An

act to provide for the disposition of the minerals in the public school, university, asylum and public lands of the State of Texas," was taken up out of its regular order and read second time.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Add to section 4: "Provided, that the mines shall be worked subject to such rules and regulations as the land board may prescribe, and which may be, from time to time, changed, and they may by regulation prescribe such conditions of forfeiture of the rights hereby conferred as they may think proper, and on their violation declare such forfeiture."

Senator Gibbs offered to amend the pending amendment by adding the following:

"Provided further, that any one taking up a mining claim of the dimensions herein provided for, shall do at least two hundred dollars worth of work per annum on the same, and furnish annual proof of the same to the land board. Any one failing to comply with this provision shall forfeit his interest and it shall be subject to entry by any other person, and it shall require no judicial forfeiture."

Accepted, and

Senator Terrell's amendment, as amended, adopted.

Senator Houston moved to amend by striking out, in line 8, page 2, the words "have the right to."

Adopted.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Change section 6 to section 7, and add section 7, as follows:

SEC. 7. The Commissioner of the General Land office shall have thirty days after the passage of this act within which to designate such tracts of land as he may be satisfied are chiefly valuable for minerals, and reserve them exclusively for the fund to which the land belongs; and no person shall acquire any rights by any occupancy of the same, or by virtue of any file he may hereafter make on said land under this act.

Lost.

Senator Davis moved to amend by adding after "faith," in line 1, page 2, "and registered in the record of deeds," and by adding after "filing," in the thirteenth line, "and registration."

Adopted.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Amend section 3 by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the following, "and the number, survey, county and name of person or corporation on which the same is situated," and insert in lieu thereof, "the county in which it is situated, the number of survey, the company or individual to whom the same was issued, and such other description as is practicable."

Adopted.

Senator Martin moved to amend by striking out "ten acres," in line 13, and inserting "300 feet one way and 1500 feet the other."

Adopted.

Senator Randolph moved to amend by adding to section 3, the following:

"Provided, that corporations shall not be permitted to engage in operating mines on common school lands, nor have the right to file on a claim."

Senator Davis offered the following substitute to the pending amendment:

Add to section 5: "Provided, that no individual shall ever own more than three claims under the provisions of this act, and no corporation shall ever own, or purchase, or otherwise claim, either directly or indirectly more than one claim."

On motion of Senator Houston, the pending amendment and substitute were ordered to lie on the table, by the following vote:

## YEAS—19.

Chesley,	Gibbs,	Kleberg,
Collins,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Davis,	Harris,	Patton,
Evans,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Farrar,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Getzendaner,		

## NAYS—9.

Buchanan,	Terrell,	Traylor.
Randolph,		

Senator Kleberg moved to strike out "twenty," in line 14, section 3, and insert in lieu thereof "forty." Adopted.

Senator Gooch moved to strike out "judicial purposes," in that part of the bill providing for recording, and insert "surveying purposes."

Adopted, and Bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Matlock, rules were suspended and bill placed on its third reading by the following vote:

## YEAS—23.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Patton,
Collins,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,	Martin,	

## NAYS—2.

Cooper,	Randolph.
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Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

## YEAS—22.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Harris,	Patton,
Collins,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

## NAYS—2.

Cooper,	Davis.
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Senator Pfeuffer, chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

This morning the following resolution was adopted by the honorable the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature:

"Resolved, That the chairman of Committee on Finance be and is hereby requested to report back to the Senate, for its action, the general appropriation bill, passed by the House."

To which I say, that House bill No. 394 was referred to Finance Committee on yesterday, and that owing to other and pressing business, a meeting of the committee could not be had on the same day; hence the intended censure has no foundation.

The records will show that several days ago I made an effort to call up Senate finance bills and deficiency bill, but failed for want of support from the Hon. Senator, the gentleman from Montague.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Senator Gibbs, chairman of Committee on Constitutional Amendments, by leave, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 37, providing for an amendment to the Constitution, creating a railway commission, and defining its powers and duties, have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

In the opinion of the committee the present constitutional provisions are sufficient.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GIBBS, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Matlock, the Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Senator Martin, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 184, being "An act to authorize Christian Jordan to sue the State of Texas."

Also, Senate bill No. 220, "An act to amend the first section of an act for the relief of persons, firms or associations of persons who have procured license and complied with the law authorizing them to pursue the occupation of liquor dealers, where they have been or may be prevented from pursuing such occupation on account of the adoption of local option, and to make an appropriation therefor," approved May 5, 1882," and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 292, being "An act directing the officers of the State how to compute available funds arising from bonds purchased for the school funds and other trust funds at a premium, and providing against a diminution of principal of the permanent funds heretofore or hereafter invested," and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

The special order, being Senate bill No. 45, entitled "An act to give to each unorganized county in this State a county surveyor," was taken up and considered.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage by that body of Senate bill No. 236, entitled "An act amendatory of an act approved August 9, 1876, entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and grant a new charter to said city,' and the amendments thereto."

Senate bill No. 279, entitled "An act to amend article 4724, chapter 3, title 95, of the Revised Statutes, to fix and equalize the compensation of assessors of taxes."

Senator Buchanan moved the previous question on the adoption of the report of committee on pending Senate bill No. 45.

Motion seconded.

The Senate refused to order the main question by the following vote:

## YEAS—6.

Buchanan,	Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,
Chesley,	Houston,	Martin.

## NAYS—21.

Collins,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Harris,	Pope,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Matlock,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Patton,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

After further discussion,

Senator Jones moved the previous question on the adoption of the report:

Motion seconded and main question ordered.

The report was adopted by the following vote:

## YEAS—21.

Collins,  
Cooper,  
Davis,  
Evans,  
Farrar,  
Fleming,  
Fowler,

Getzendaner,  
Gooch,  
Harris,  
Houston,  
Johnson of Collin,  
Johnston of Shelby,  
Jones,

Kleberg,  
Martin,  
Matlock,  
Pfeuffer,  
Shannon,  
Stratton,  
Traylor.

## NAYS—5.

Chesley,  
Gibbs,

Patton,  
Randolph,

Terrell.

On motion of Senator Shannon, the Senate adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

## SIXTIETH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 24, 1883. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by Dr. Smoot, Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Kleberg, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with, and the same adopted, after a change of the votes of Senators Chesley and Patton, cast yesterday upon the question of the adoption of the report of the committee upon Senate bill No. 45, from the affirmative to the negative, as said votes were cast under a misapprehension of the question.

Senator Pfeuffer, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 394, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government, for the years beginning March 1, 1883, and ending February 28, 1885," have examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it be considered by the Senate in committee of the whole, and that the same be acted on immediately after the regular morning call be finished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 509, entitled "An act to amend article 4742 of the Revised Statutes," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Traylor, chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 24, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the memorial of Wm. Scanlan, sheriff of Cameron county, asking for an appropriation of \$458, expenses incurred by said sheriff in extraditing R. A. Blanford, have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that said Scanlan be allowed the sum of \$358, which amount we recommend be placed on the deficiency bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TRAYLOR, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act to make an appropriation of \$800, fees due under article 1054, subdivisions 1 and 5, Code of Criminal Procedure, to Wm. Scanlan, ex-sheriff of Cameron county, for carrying convicts to the penitentiary, have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that the sum of \$800 be allowed said Scanlan, and recommend this amount be added to the deficiency bill, as it is too late in the session to pass a bill giving such relief.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TRAYLOR, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Matlock, chairman of Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 24, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred House bill No. 520, entitled "An act to create the land district of Wheeler, Oldham, Donley and Wilbarger counties," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATLOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Martin, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 23, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 299, being "An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to receive taxes due on real estate from the years 1871 to 1876 inclusive."

Also, Senate bill No. 134, being "An act to authorize Christian Jordan to sue the State of Texas."

Also, substitute Senate bill No. 298, being "An act to require the record of official bonds, and other bonds and contracts in which the State of Texas or any county of the State is interested."

Also, Senate concurrent resolution No. 25, "Requesting Texas Senators and Representatives to secure division of work on the Texas coast in two or more districts, and for additional engineer officers."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 24, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 304, being "An act authorizing incorporated cities and towns to accept property," etc.

Also, substitute Senate bill No. 92, being "An act to require the collection and payment of all taxes levied by the several counties of this State, to be made in money."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, March 24, 1883.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—On examining Senate bill No. 218, entitled "An act to amend articles 1007 and 1008 of the Revised Statutes," it seems to me that there must be some mistake or oversight in drafting the bill, or in its enrollment. As it now reads, it requires the Supreme and Appellate Courts to transfer all cases pending in the Austin branch of said courts, at its adjournment in June, to Galveston. It was doubtless the intention of the framer of the bill that the cases pending at Austin from the counties named in the first section, and undecided at the adjournment in June, should be transferred to Galveston. Yet, the language of the bill covers the entire Austin docket, and I have deemed it best to withhold my assent to the bill, and return it for reconsideration.

Respectfully,

JOHN IRELAND, Governor.